

**Rule 1. Purpose**

It is of primary importance for all Minnesotans to have access to our system of justice. The Minnesota Legislature has recognized this necessity by appropriating funds for legal services for persons unable to afford private counsel and to fund programs which organize members of the private bar to perform services for qualified alternative dispute resolution programs. The Minnesota Supreme Court has also designated funds to support access to justice. The distribution of funds for such legal services, alternative dispute resolution, and other programs as directed by the Court shall be accomplished in accordance with these rules.

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